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Earthquake
Shaking
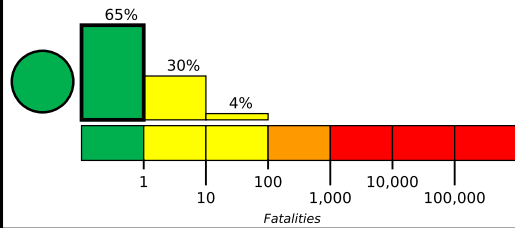
Green
Alert

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M 4.0, 6 km SSE of Gunica, Puerto Rico

Origin Time: 2020-10-06 23:03:02 UTC (Tue 19:03:02 local)
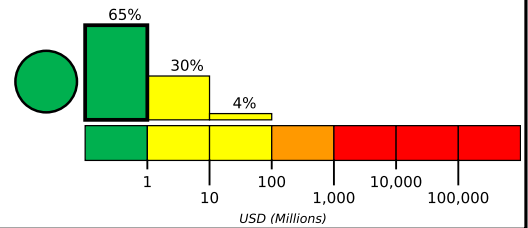Location: 17.9193° N 66.8908° W Depth: 6.0 km

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Created: 1 week, 0 days after earthquake

Estimated Fatalities

Green alert for shaking-related fatalities and economic losses. There is a low likelihood of casualties and damage.
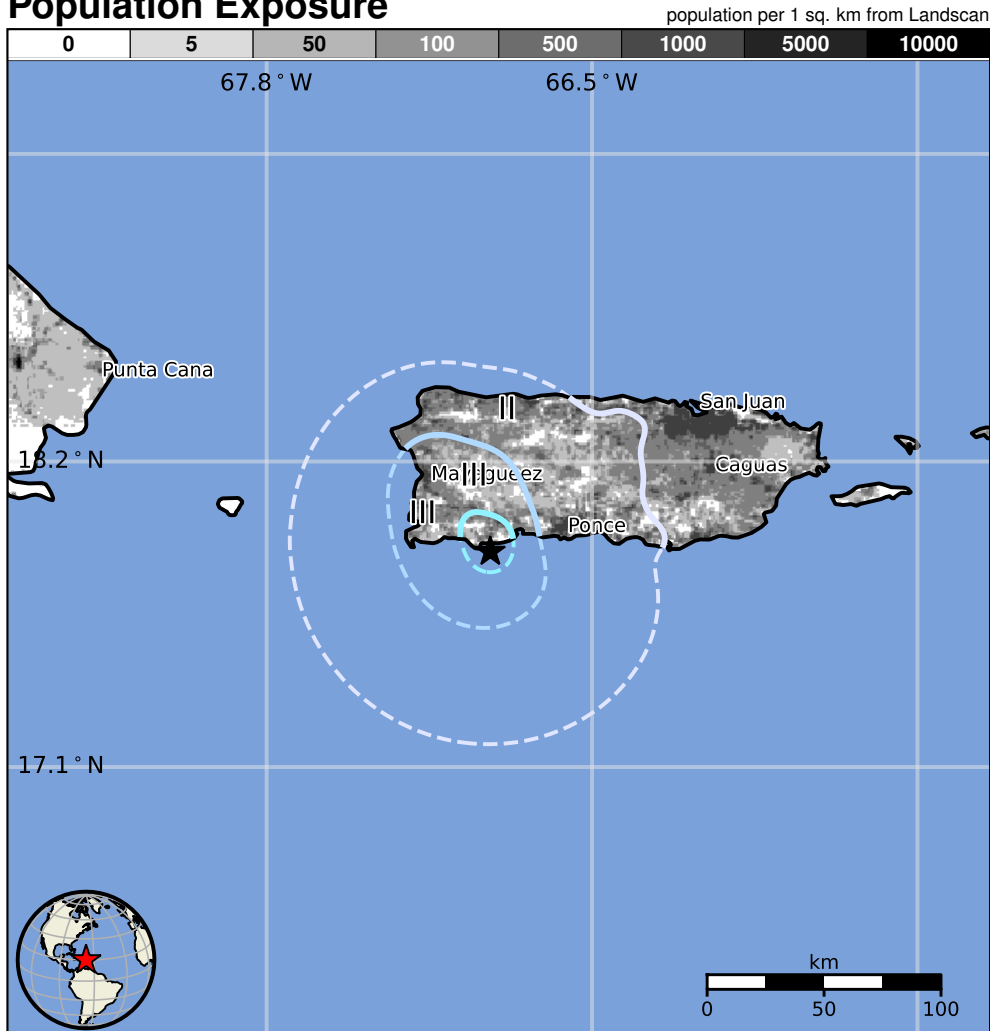
65%
30%
4%

1   10   100   1,000   10,000   100,000
Fatalities

Estimated Economic Losses

65%
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1   10   100   1,000   10,000   100,000
USD (Millions)

Estimated Population Exposed to Earthquake Shaking

ESTIMATED POPULATION EXPOSURE (k=x1000)		2,174k*	1,314k	69k	0	0	0	0	0	0
ESTIMATED MODIFIED MERCALLI INTENSITY		I	II-III	IV	V	VI	VII	VIII	IX	X+
PERCEIVED SHAKING		Not felt	Weak	Light	Moderate	Strong	Very Strong	Severe	Violent	Extreme
POTENTIAL DAMAGE	Resistant Structures	None	None	None	V. Light	Light	Moderate	Mod./Heavy	Heavy	V. Heavy
	Vulnerable Structures	None	None	None	Light	Moderate	Mod./Heavy	Heavy	V. Heavy	V. Heavy

*Estimated exposure only includes population within the map area.

Population Exposure

population per 1 sq. km from Landscan

0	5	50	100	500	1000	5000	10000

Structures

Overall, the population in this region resides in structures that are a mix of vulnerable and earthquake resistant construction. The predominant vulnerable building types are mud wall and informal (metal, timber, GI etc.) construction.

Historical Earthquakes

Date (UTC)	Dist. (km)	Mag.	Max MMI(#)	Shaking Deaths
1979-03-23	231	6.6	VI(605k)	0
1980-11-12	332	5.9	VII(87k)	–
1984-06-24	262	6.7	VII(326k)	5

Selected City Exposure

from GeoNames.org

MMI	City	Population
IV	Guanica	9k
IV	Fuig	1k
IV	Maria Antonia	1k
IV	Palomas	2k
IV	Lluveras	2k
IV	Yauco	20k
II	**Ponce**	**153k**
I	Bayamon	203k
I	Carolina	170k
I	**San Juan**	**418k**
I	Salvaleon de Higueey	124k

bold cities appear on map.   (k = x1000)

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